

**FRIENDS OF THE ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2020**

AMENDMENT 1

Current Wording

Article III. Membership

Section 3. Due shall be paid annually for the calendar year. The amount of dues for each category shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership at the annual meeting.

Proposed Wording

Section 3. Due shall be paid annually for the calendar year (January 1 – December 31). The amount of dues for each category shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership at the annual meeting.

Rationale

Defines calendar year

Amendment 2

Current Wording

Article IV. Board of Directors

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the organization and shall have full charge of the property, funds and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same; subject to the instructions of the general membership. The Board shall create and designate any special committees (other than Nominating Committee) as it deems necessary. The Library Director shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. The Board of Directors shall plan the programs of work and direct the activities of the organization. It shall approve and administer the annual budget and authorize expenditures within the limits of the budget.

Proposed Wording

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the organization and shall have full charge of the property, funds and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same; subject to the instructions of the general membership. The Board shall create and designate any special committees (other than Nominating Committee) as it deems necessary. The Board of Directors shall plan the programs of work and direct the activities of the organization. It shall approve and administer the annual budget and authorize expenditures within the limits of the budget.

Rationale

Removed "The Library Director shall be a member ex-officio of all committees." Historically the Library director has not served in this capacity.

AMENDMENT 3

Current Wording

Article IV Board of Directors

None – new section to be added

Proposed Wording

Section 4. Electronic Meetings may be held when it is not possible or timely to have in person Board meetings. Electronic meetings may be called by the President or three (3) other directors. Electronic meetings may be a conference telephone, video conferencing technology, or similar communication equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in a meeting in such a manner shall constitute presence in person at such meeting. Such meetings may be partially or wholly "virtual" meetings. All other meeting requirements as stated in these bylaws are applicable to electronic meetings.

Rationale

With the advent of technology additional meeting and voting options are available to conduct business for organizations. This bylaw would enable Friends of the Abilene Public Library to conduct business as needed via electronic means when necessary.

AMENDMENT 4

Current Wording

Article IV Board of Directors

None – new section to be added

Proposed Wording

Section 6. Voting by electronic mail (e-mail) is permitted under these Bylaws. Such calls of vote are to be reserved for issues of importance when Board meeting it is not possible or timely to have a called in person. In such cases, all Board Directors have the right to submit a vote within a specified time period. Vote by e-mail will be conducted in the following manner: The President or any three (3) Directors may request a vote via e-mail. A simple majority of all Board Directors is required to pass the vote. The results of the electronic vote will be included in the next scheduled Board meeting minutes.

Rationale

The Board of Directors has had the need for a rapid vote due the length of time between Board of Director's meeting [summer and Nov- Dec] and there is not sufficient time to convene a Board of Director's meeting.

AMENDMENT 5

Current Wording

Article V Officers

Section 8. The Membership Officer shall

(b) conduct an annual solicitation of new and renewed memberships

Proposed Wording

(b) conduct an annual solicitation of new and renewed memberships in January of each year and throughout the year as needed

Rationale

There is not currently a time frame for membership renewal solicitation and this amendment would provide one.

AMENDMENT 6

Proposed Amendments 2020

Current Wording

Article VII. Fiscal Administration & Liability

Section 3. All purchases, loans, gifts or disbursal of funds for any materials, equipment, or activities associated with the operation of the Abilene Public Library System shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and the Library.

Proposed Wording

Section 3. All purchases, loans, gifts or disbursal of funds from the Friends of the Abilene Public Library to the Abilene Public Library System for any materials, equipment, or activities associated with the operation of the Abilene Public Library shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Rationale

The Library Director holds an ex officio position and is not eligible to vote on business issues pertaining to the organization.

AMENDMENT 7**Current Wording**

ARTICLE VII. FISCAL ADMINISTRATION & LIABILITY

None

Proposed Wording

Section 5 Signatories on all accounts shall be the President, President Elect and Treasurer

Rationale

There is not current bylaw which authorizes signatories.

All indisputably necessary changes to the numbering, sectioning, punctuation and cross references would be made upon the acceptance of these proposed amendment.

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